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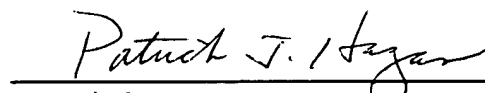
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**Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a):**

The undersigned hereby petitions for an extension of time of 2 months beyond the time period set in the last Office Action. A check in the amount of \$200.00 to cover this fee is enclosed. Please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 04-1406.

  
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